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EXAMINER:

FOR: SEPARATOR OF PROTON EXCHANGE FUEL CELL AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

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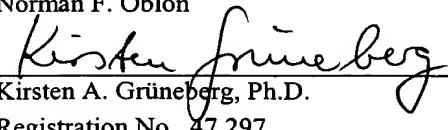
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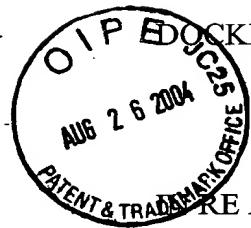
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. The period for response has been extended to August 26, 2004, by a Request for an Extension of Time filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 8 of this paper.

The **Interview Summary** begins on page 9 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.